

## DESPONDENT, NO DRIVEN TO SUICIDE ONE EMPLOYS ROPE AND GUN, THE OTHER DROPS INTO CISTERN

Lafayette Farmer and Medina Woman Decide to Die When for Them "Life's Joys Grow Dim"—Man's Father Committed Similar Act a Quarter of a Century Ago.

Ill health, grievance over fancied unjust statements by certain acquaintances, and the straining of a naturally high-strung nervous temperament by excessive religious convictions, are held by members of her family as the causes which led Mrs. Mary A. Huffman of Medina to take her own life on Saturday night of last week at the home of her son, Blake Huffman, about two and a half miles southeast of Medina village.

Mrs. Huffman, who resided at 204 South Vine street, went to her son's home Saturday morning for a visit. At frequent intervals during the day she was observed to be writing on slips of paper, but this action was not given much consideration by members of the household who were familiar with her peculiarities.

Early in the afternoon she said she was going to a remote part of the farm to see the cows. When her grandchildren suggested going with her, she decided not to go. It is believed now that she had determined to make way with herself at that time.

About 6 o'clock she slipped out of the house unnoticed. When she did not return Blake thought his mother had gone home, and one of his sons drove to Medina to ascertain. Upon his return to the farm a general search of the premises was instigated, resulting in the finding of the body of Mrs. Huffman at the bottom of a 35-foot well, suspended by a rope, and a flat iron attached to one of her feet.

Fred and John Roshon and J. K. Nold, residing near, raised the body from the well.

Secreted in her stockings were the numerous notes Mrs. Huffman had written earlier in the day. None of them related specifically what she was planning to do, but nevertheless were in the nature of farewell messages. One was a scathing arraignment of a woman acquaintance for wrongs which are regarded as having been fanciful, while another indicated several hymns which she wished to be sung at her funeral. Among these were "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Somewhere a Voice is Calling."

When she went to the home of her son on Saturday, Mrs. Huffman carried a bag of potatoes. It is believed the rope with which she lowered herself into the well was secreted beneath the potatoes as it was one which belonged to her son in Medina.

The deceased was fifty years of age, and was born in Brunswick township. She was the wife of Alford Huffman and had resided in Medina for a great many years. Besides the husband there survive five children, as follows: Arthur, Martho and Mrs. Hattie Belak of Medina and Blake of Montville. A brother resides in California.

Funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. H. Bryenton, and interment made in Spring Grove cemetery.

Despondency under which his mind had labored for a considerable period of time and which his family had observed to be more marked of late, was responsible for the death by his own hands last Friday morning of Edwin A. Carlton of Lafayette township, on his farm about three and one-half miles southeast of Medina village, near the Northern Ohio trestle.

As an evidence of Mr. Carlton's unalterable determination to take his own life, he employed a double means of accomplishing the act, either one of which would have effectually served his purpose.

According to Mrs. Carlton her husband arose early and went to the barn about 5 o'clock. When about two hours later he did not return, with her little daughter she went to the barn and called to him. Receiving no reply, the daughter went up stairs to the mow, where she beheld the gruesome sight of her father suspended by the neck from a rafter, and dead.

Further examination disclosed the fact that after adjusting the rope to his neck, the unhappy man had shot himself through the head with a .38-caliber revolver.

The rope used was about two-thirds of an inch in diameter and after adjustment was only about three or four feet in length. The hay underneath the rafter to which the rope was attached was somewhat higher than the surrounding area, forming a ledge from which the man's body slid off. The rope was tied as a slip-knot, which from the weight of the body was drawn so tight that a large discolored ridge was formed encircling the neck. Death would have soon ensued from this situation even had the revolver not been used.

Coroner E. L. Crum was called and viewed the body, assigning the cause of death as suicide, due to despondency.

A rather singular circumstance and in some respects co-incidental, is the fact that the father of the deceased, the late Allen Carlton, took his own life about 25 years ago, by hanging

himself, in a corn crib on the same farm on which the son suicided. Edwin A. Carlton was 56 years of age, the date of his birth being Dec. 25, 1865. Besides the widow he is survived by six daughters and two sons. One of the daughters is Mrs. Geo. W. Smith of Medina.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the Northwest church, Lafayette, and interment made in the church cemetery.

## GRANGER MAN ROBBED BY FALSE PRETENDER Poses as Officer and Mulcts Farmer of \$152.80

Joseph Juhasz of Granger township, as well as Sheriff Bigelow, are anxious to locate one P. H. Stenhouse, who under the pretense of being a deputy sheriff of Medina county, swindled Juhasz out of \$152.80 one day last week.

It appears that Juhasz had an option on a farm belonging to A. W. Chapman in Sharon township for about \$4,000. Stenhouse, it is claimed, appeared at the Juhasz home, and introducing himself as an official, showing his badge, told Juhasz that he had a claim against the farm for the amount mentioned above, and that if Juhasz would satisfy this claim, he, Stenhouse, would arrange for Juhasz to secure the farm for \$3,000.

Everything seemed all right to Juhasz and the latter fell for the arrangement. Not having the money with him, both Juhasz and Stenhouse drove to Akron, where the former obtained the money and paid it over to Stenhouse, the latter graciously tendering a receipt therefor.

Neither Chapman nor anyone else seems to know anything about who Stenhouse is, where he came from and moreover how a stranger should be so familiar with all the minor details concerning the Chapman farm and its contemplated purchase by Juhasz, and the price to be paid for it.

The only clue the officers have in their quest for Stenhouse is a personal description as remembered by Juhasz and the make of car he was driving. Elation over the supposed bargain he had made and undoubted faith in the integrity of the one with whom he was dealing, probably blinded Juhasz to the precaution of jotting down the number of Stenhouse's car.

A photograph of a man in jail in Akron was shown to Juhasz last Friday and he was so certain that the original was Stenhouse that he and Sheriff Bigelow went to Akron to take a look at the prisoner. While Juhasz noted somewhat of a similarity of features, he declared it was not Stenhouse.

Therefore a warrant for the arrest of Stenhouse which the sheriff has carried for the past ten days still remains unserved.

## MEDINA AGAIN TO HAVE A COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL

Medina county is again to have a normal school for the training of prospective teachers. Word has just been received to that effect by County Supt. Utery and Supt. W. E. Conckle.

This school will give the same type of training as secured in any of the state normals. Pupils finishing the year here will receive full credit for one year's training in any regular normal college. Present indications are that a large class will attend.

County Supt. Utery states that county normal graduates will probably be given preference to all others in seeking positions in the county schools as observation of each pupil's work during the normal course will make it possible to make more dependable recommendations as to locations and types of work for what each candidate is best fitted.

## MEDINA FURNISHES CALVES TO CUYAHOGA

The Medina Jersey Cattle club furnished the Cuyahoga calf club with calves this year.

This is a concrete example of what organization, testing and advertising can do.

Ten calves were sold at an average price of a little over \$100. C. L. Harris & Son furnished five, C. E. Robinson & Son furnished two, H. E. Vaughn furnished two and E. I. Ganyard & Son furnished one.

## BOARD RE-ELECTS ULERY

At a regular meeting of the county board of education Saturday evening, County Superintendent C. B. Utery was re-elected for a period of three years. He came to Medina county one year ago and will soon finish his first year in Medina county schools.

The schools of the county have prospered under the direction of Supt. Utery, and the many friends he has made here during his first year will be glad of the action taken by the board of education on Saturday.

## WAS INTOXICATED AND HAD GUN WHEN ARRESTED Medina Boy Violates Parole from Industrial School

Raymond Morgan, 18, son of Ed. Morgan, was arrested Tuesday evening, upon complaint that he was causing trouble at the school grounds, where a ball game was being played, by the reckless display of a revolver. He was taken in custody by Sheriff Bigelow as he was leaving the grounds and about to drive away with a companion. It was discovered that young Morgan was intoxicated and a search of his clothing disclosed a .32-caliber revolver, fully loaded.

When in jail the boy furiously threatened self-destruction and made several ineffectual attempts by jumping headlong off a table. As a precaution, Sheriff Bigelow placed Morgan in a padded cell during the night.

Morgan is at present on parole from the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, and officials of that institution were promptly advised of the boy's violation and directed to come and return him to the school.

According to his father, liquor is the chief source of his son's trouble. The boy admits having been drinking on Tuesday, but was disinclined to tell who furnished him the booze, saying only that he got it at a farm house some distance northeast of town, but did not remember who the man was, nor the exact location.

## HUSTLING CHURCH LADIES WIN GRAND PRIZE—\$2,000 Year of Persistent Effort Richly Rewarded

The ladies of the Church of Christ are justly elated and pardonably proud of an achievement during the past year for which last week they received a crisp check for \$2,000.

The check was issued by the associated Quality Products Co. of Milwaukee, and was the highest of a graded list of money prizes possible to be won.

The scheme was national in scope, the country being divided into three districts, Cleveland and surrounding territory being one of them. Credits were issued on sales of certain specified food commodities, the basic purpose being to enhance the demand for these products, the manufacturers of which were in a reciprocal arrangement with the Milwaukee company.

By soliciting their friends to purchase these particular brands of food stuffs from the merchants, and of course buying them themselves, the ladies have been able by concerted effort, to win the grand prize and have the real money to show for it.

## NEW LAW CHECKS WORK OF SCHOOL ENUMERATION

The annual school enumeration which was begun in Medina village last week, has been held up through the recent enactment of what is known as the Bing bill, which among other things makes changes in the age limits of the pupils to be enumerated. Thus the enumeration was checked at this time to await the new blank forms for the work.

In the past the age range for school enumeration was from 6 to 21 years. Under the new statute the range is from 5 to 18 years. The section of the bill governing the enumeration this year is as follows:

"For the purpose of the apportionment of the common school fund the enumeration shall mean in the case of every enumeration subsequent to the going into effect of this section the enumeration of children from five to eighteen years of age; and in the year 1921 if the enumeration is not taken in May on this new basis, the enumeration shall be taken in the four weeks following the date when this section shall become effective, and the dates of the required enumeration shall be correspondingly altered."

The new blanks are expected to arrive this week, says County Auditor Washburn, when work of enumeration will be promptly resumed here and throughout the county.

## MISSOURIAN IN MEDINA FOR FARM BUREAU DOPE

Mr. W. H. Wagenbreth of St. Louis county, Missouri, member of the Executive Committee of the Missouri State Farm Bureau visited the local Farm Bureau office last week.

Mr. Wagenbreth is touring the states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, taking notes on the organization and development of the state Farm Bureaus and the work they are doing, with the expectation of reorganizing the Missouri State Farm Bureau on more liberal lines.

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation offices at Columbus advised the representative of the "show me" state to visit Medina.

The local Farm Bureau People are to be congratulated on their standing among Farm Bureaus.

## MEDINA MAN DIRECTOR OF FRUIT GROWERS

The Fruit Growers are planning an International Fruit Exposition which they hope to make on a par with the International Livestock Exposition and the National Dairy Show.

This exposition is the outgrowth of the Fruit Marketing Conference called at Chicago by the American Farm Bureau. Sixty five official delegates were present at this meeting from twenty-seven states.

Mr. Ralph Strong of this county has been named on the Board of Directors of this corporation. Prof. Wendell Paddock, head of the Horticultural Dept., Ohio State University, is the other director from Ohio.

## FIELD DAY ONE BIG EVENT IN MEDINA CHAMPIONS HERE FOR LIVELY COMPETITION

Large Attendance and Best of Spirit Prevailed—Rivalry Was Keen—Girls' Base Ball Game Strong Feature.

Friday was a gala day for those interested in athletics and contests in Medina county schools. The annual county track brought to Medina, Friday, May 20, champions from all sections of the county that they might compete with each other for county championship in their various lines of interest and development. The event this year was largely attended and keen rivalry existed.

A very commendable feature of the whole program was the good spirit that existed throughout the day. Every loser was a good loser and the various decisions of the officials were never questioned. Most of the smaller children were accompanied by their parents.

The morning program was arranged for the elementary pupils. Seville won this part of the contest with a total of 66 points. Spencer obtained second place with 50 points.

The afternoon program consisted of high school events. Lodi won this section of the contest with a total of 65 points. Spencer was second with 45. The largest number of combined points for both morning and afternoon was obtained by Spencer with a total of 95 points.

Relative standing of the elementary teams at the close of the day was as follows:

Seville, 66; Spencer, 50; Liverpool, 27; Chatham, 17; Sharon, 12; Lodi, 10; York, 7.

Relative standing of high school teams was: Lodi, 62; Spencer, 45; Liverpool, 28; Seville, 22; Leroy, 12; Sharon, 11; Brunswick, 8; Homer, 1.

Program with winners:

Elementary Girls:  
50-yard dash, grades 1-4: Baish, Liverpool, 1st; Mooser, Chatham, 2; Long, Seville, 3; Decker, Seville, 4.  
50-yard dash, grades 5-8: Ford, Seville, 1; Stuart, Spencer, 2; Eby, Seville, 3; Fusselman, Lodi, 4.

Baseball throw: Fisher, Spencer, 1; Hinkel, Liverpool, 2; Stuart, Spencer, 3; Young, Sharon, 4.

200-yard relay, grades 5-8: Seville, 1; Spencer, 2; Lodi, 3.

Elementary Boys:  
50-yard dash, grades 1-5: Hinkel, Liverpool, 1; Dunn, Spencer, 2; Gallatin, Spencer, 3; Fuller, Spencer, 4.  
50-yard dash, grades 6-8 (lightweights): Ewing, Seville, 1; Piestas, Liverpool, 2; Yost, York, 3; Bowes, Sharon, 4.

100-yard dash, grades 6-8 (heavyweights): Yoder, Chatham, 1; Geisinger, Chatham, 2.  
100-yard dash, grades 6-8 (heavyweights): Stuart, Spencer, 3; Gordon, Seville, 4.

Base ball throw, grades 6-8: Olmsted, Lodi, 1; Yost, York, 2; Geisinger, York, 3; Hyde, Seville, 4.

200-yard relay, grades 1-5: Seville, 1.  
200-yard relay, grades 6-8 (lightweights): Seville, 1; Spencer, 2; Liverpool, 3.

200-yard relay, grades 6-8 (heavyweights): Spencer, 1; Chatham, 2; Seville, 3; Liverpool, 4.

Running broad jump, grades 6-8 (heavyweights): Borror, Spencer, 1; Firestone, Spencer, 2; Gordon, Seville, 3.

Running broad jump, grades 6-8 (lightweights): Bowes, Sharon, 1; Eby, Seville, 2; Piestas, Liverpool, 3; Ody, Seville, 4.

High jump, grades 6-8 (heavyweights): Gordon, Seville, 1; Borror, Seville, 2.

High jump, grades 6-8 (lightweights): Bowes, Sharon, 1; Piestas, Liverpool, 2; Eby, Seville, 3; Ewing, Seville, 4.

High School Girls:  
50-yard dash: Brant, Brunswick, 1; Miller, Lodi, 2; Pohzehl, Liverpool, 3; Sternich, Homer, 4.  
100-yard dash: Miller, Lodi, 1; Brant, Brunswick, 2; Pohzehl, Liverpool, 3; Orton, Sharon, 4.

200-yard relay race: Lodi, 1; Spencer, 2; Seville, 3.  
Base ball throw: Miller, Lodi, 1; Grabenstetter, Liverpool, 2; Weidrich, Spencer, 3; Stuart, Spencer, 4.

High School Boys:  
50-yard dash: Homan, Chatham, 1; Wolf, Liverpool, 2; Kindig, Seville, 3; Slater, Lodi, 4.  
100-yard dash: Homan, Chatham, 1; Wolf, Liverpool, 2; Kindig, Seville, 3; Slater, Lodi, 4.

220-yard dash: Homan, Chatham, 1; Kindig, Seville, 2; Fulton, Seville, 3; Betts, Lodi, 4.  
440-yard dash: Walters, Spencer, 1; Wolf, Liverpool, 2; Fulton, Seville, 3; time one minute; Howe, Leroy, 4.

880-yard dash: Varney, Sharon, 1; Weidrich, Spencer, 2; time: 2:27 1-5; Wertmeger, Leroy, 3; Otterbacher, Liverpool, 4.  
1 mile: Varney, Sharon, 1; Weidrich, Spencer, 2; Beech, Seville, 3; W. Walters, Spencer, 4.  
1 mile relay: Lodi, 1; Spencer, 2; Leroy, 3; Seville, 4.  
Shot-put: Duck, Lodi, 1; House,

## RECOGNIZED COMRADE IN DEATH OF BANDIT Medina Man Served in Same Company in France

In reading an account of the shooting of a bandit in Lima by the police of that city last Saturday, Ford Case of Medina recognized in the published picture and name of the man a comrade in the late war.

According to Case the bandit, whose name was Raleigh Ross Townsend, was in Case's company, the 329th infantry of the 83d division, and was stationed at Ecomy, France. Both men were thrown together most of the time and became well acquainted with each other. Townsend was a corporal in the regimental postal department.

Before embarking from New York, says Case, he remembers of Townsend evincing considerable interest in a huge diamond ring he was wearing, and finally was given leave of absence to leave the jewelry in care of a banking institution.

Case says that Townsend was a good-looking and well-appearing fellow, but with an overweening propensity for gambling. On the return voyage after the armistice, says Case, Townsend won \$800 between ports from his fellow comrades.

Before leaving France, Case made a typewritten copy of the names and home addresses of all the members of his company, which he still possesses, and on which appears the name of Raleigh Ross Townsend, and the address Grand Hotel Bar, 514 Adance street, Toledo, O.

Since his death Cleveland police have identified Townsend as one of the men suspected of being implicated in the Bedford bank robbery several months ago.

## SOLDIER'S BODY NOW RESTS IN HOME TOWN

About twenty Medina men attended the obsequies over the body of the late Richard C. Cheney at Leroy, on Monday afternoon. The deceased died Oct. 20, 1918, while in the military service of his country in France. The body arrived at Creston last Sunday and was taken at once to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cheney, in Leroy.

Funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. S. F. Ross of Wadsworth, formerly of Medina. A military service was held at the grave, conducted by the American Legion post of Seville, under direction of Commander Don L. Crawford. A final tribute to the departed soldier was the firing of a salute at the tomb and the closing signal of "taps."

Floral tributes were profuse and very beautiful, two of which were sent by the Kiwanis and Wiyah clubs of Medina.

The deceased was well known in Medina, where previous to his enlistment, he was engaged with his father in the automobile business. He was a young man of fine business instincts and of genial nature, and was possessed of a wide circle of friends.

## DEATH CLAIMS FORMER MEDINA GIRL IN AKRON

Miss Viola May Morgan, daughter of Ed. Morgan of Medina, died at the home of her mother in Akron, on Thursday of last week, of tuberculosis, with which she had been afflicted for some time.

The deceased was well known in Medina, where she was reared and educated in the local schools, and continued to reside until a year or more ago, when she went to her mother in Akron. She was born Sept. 1, 1900, thus being 21 years of age at the time of her death. Besides the parents there survive two brothers, Chester of Akron and Raymond of Medina.

Funeral services were held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the home of the father on East Smith Road, and interment made in Spring Grove cemetery.

## LADIES' COMMUNITY MEET

The ladies meeting held in Medina on May 20 was very well attended and all report a successful meeting.

Miss Marie Sayles, Ohio State University, was present and discussed in an interesting manner the part women should take in community affairs.

The following committee was selected to work with the Farm Bureau, in helping to solve the various rural problems: Mrs. R. E. Lance, chairman; Mrs. Ed. Kerr, Mrs. Paul Elliott, Mrs. S. H. Hodginott, Mrs. J. C. Swigart.

Lodi, 2; Decker, Leroy, 3; McVicker, Spencer, 4.  
Discus: McVicker, Spencer, 1; Welch, Leroy, 2; Duck, Lodi, 3; Beaumont, Spencer, 4.

Pole vault: Weidrich, Spencer, 1; Beech, Seville, 2; Homan, Chatham, 3; Hasel, Liverpool, 4.  
Running broad jump: Otterbacher, Liverpool, 1; McVicker, Spencer, 2; E. Walters, Spencer, 3; Duck, Lodi, 4.

High jump: Homan, Chatham, 1; Slater, Lodi, 2; Duck, Lodi, 3; E. Walters, Spencer, 4.  
One of the most interesting features of the day's program was a baseball game between the girls of Liverpool and Brunswick high school.

These girls exhibited a type of game and knowledge of baseball that was a surprise to the many spectators. The game was a very close one, the score standing 7 to 7 until the last half of the ninth inning. A safe hit or two by Brunswick enabled them to raise their end of the score 3 points and the result was accordingly announced in their favor.

## MEDINA'S HEROES HONORED MONDAY

CELEBRATION TO BE  
A MEMORABLE ONE

Grand Musical by Band, Orchestra, and Community Chorus, Following Decoration Ceremonial at Cemetery.

Next Monday, May 30, marks the annual return of Memorial Day when the people of Medina and Medina county in common with all throughout the land, will unite in their respective communities in a fitting celebration of the occasion in honor of their dead warriors as well as a deserved tribute to the heroes who have been spared to receive the homage.

Memorial Day celebrations in Medina have always been carried out with true fervor, but it is both the desire and purpose of those who have the celebration in charge this year that it shall surpass in scope and excellence all previous ones, thereby accentuating the love and reverence held for those to whom we owe so much and for some of whom, mayhaps, this Memorial Day will be their last.

Following is the full program for Memorial Day and the order of march in the parade:

Bugle—General Assembly.  
Parade to assemble on the south side of public square and be ready to march under the direction of the officer of the day, at 1 o'clock, p. m., sharp, and in the following order:

Officer of the Day—Major S. S. Oatman and aides.  
Medina band.  
H. G. Blake Post and all old soldiers and sailors.

Spanish-American War Veterans.  
Courtney Lawrence Post, No. 202, American Legion, and all the World War Soldiers and Sailors.  
Medina Troop of Boy Scouts.  
Kiwanis Club.  
Ingham's Martial band.  
Citizens' battalion.  
Members of Woman's Relief Corps and conveyances.

(All old soldiers and sailors and members of the Woman's Relief Corps who desire conveyance will assemble on the east side of the public square, or if it is desired that conveyance be sent to the home kindly notify A. E. Young, chairman of the committee, in advance.)

At the Cemetery.  
Decoration of soldiers' graves by the school children under direction of committee on decoration of soldiers' graves.  
"Star Spangled Banner," Medina band.

Raising of the Flag—By Boy Scouts' Color Guard.  
Reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.  
"Nearer My God to Thee" Medina band.

G. A. R. memorial services.  
Firing Squad—American Legion firing squad.  
Monument to be decorated in honor of soldiers buried elsewhere by representatives of the public schools and citizens.

"Tranquility," Medina band.  
Bugle—"Taps."  
Procession to reform and return to public square.

At the Park.  
Selection, "Old Folks Songs," Medina band.

"America," all sing.  
In honor of "Heroes of '61," (a) "Just Before the Battle, Mother," (c) "Marching Thru' Georgia," (c) "Tenting Tonight," Community chorus.

Prayer by chaplain.  
Reading of General Logan's first general order on the observance of Memorial Day.  
Address by Rev. S. F. Ross.

In honor of "Heroes of World War": (a) It's a Long, Long Trail," (b) "Over There," (c) "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Community chorus.  
March, "American Legion," Medina band.

## SUNDAY MUSICAL SERVICE

At the morning service at St. Paul's church, Sunday, May 29, the choir will render the following musical program, appropriate to Memorial Day. Processional—"God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

Hymn—"The Star Spangled Banner" Venite  
Soloists, Mrs. Long and Mr. Best  
Gloria Patri  
Te Deum  
Soloist, Miss Offieer

Jubilate  
Soloists, Miss Offieer, Mr. Best  
Duet—"Hark, Hark My Soul" Nevins  
Mrs. Long and Mr. Best  
Hymn—"America"  
Sermon  
Offertory—"Recessional" Echnacker  
Recessional—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

There will be no vesper service at St. Paul's, Sunday, May 29.

## AFTER THE "DEAD-BEAT"

During the past week the committee appointed by the Medina Advertising club have prepared a constitution and by-laws to be presented at the next meeting of the club. When adopted, and put into working condition it will establish the place you hold in the credit world in Medina county. June they recommend as balancing month, and on July 1 rating of every adult in Medina county.